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"Thou art all fair, my love;
there is no spot in thee"
(Song of Solomon 4:7)

Our church gathers together in New Caney, Texas at 23033 Hughey Ave, 77357 / (832) 543 5333

Bible Classes	Sun, 10 AM
Worship Service	Sun, 11 AM
Bible Study	Wed, 7 PM

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

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SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

in New Caney, Texas

Servicio en español domingo 6:00 PM y martes 7:00 PM

Beloved, *Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God* (1 Corinthians 6:9). A Christian fornicator? A Christian adulterer? A Christian prostitute? A Christian homosexual? A Christian thief? A Christian drunk? God forbid! The apostle says and such *were* some of you. Be not deceived beloved, *flee fornication*; not to be washed, not to be sanctified, nor to be justified – but because you already are [Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-2; 6:9-20].

WELCOME

Welcome! We're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor that loves the perfect Gospel of Christ. Beloved, *He shall save His people from their sins* (**Matthew 1:21**). It is our prayer that the Lord will be pleased to *call*, *convict*, and *comfort* you with the gospel of His blood and righteousness (**Isaiah 40:1-2**). You can expect a gospel message that's about 45 minutes, hymns that glorify our Lord, scripture readings, and helpful people to answer any questions you may have.

CONNECTION CARD

We invite everyone to fill out a **Connection Card** (you'll find one in the pew). This is an easy way to keep us informed of what's going on in your life, as well as a place where you can ask questions and update your contact information.

If you are a first-time visitor, please fill one out. As a thank-you, we'd love to send you a copy of '**The religion that comes from God**'.

Do you belong to the Lord Jesus Christ? If you do, you are His purchased possession. We would love to meet you after the service to get to know you better.

WEBSITES

Be sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, audio messages, and books.

sovereingrace.us - Our church website, bulletins, articles
bookshelf.sovereingrace.us - Free ebooks, tracts, booklets
appsermons.sovereingrace.us - Audio messages for Apple devices
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EVENT CALENDAR

Happy Birthday!
Shirley Shanks - April 21st
Tyler Richards - April 23rd

GRACE ARTICLES

There Is No Spot In Thee

"Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee" (**Song 4:7**)

Beloved, our blessed Lord Jesus declares *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish…"* (John 10:27-28). What a comfort, to be made to hear and know Him who doesn't *offer* enteral life, if you let Him; rather beloved we know the Sovereign Lord, who powerfully, in mercy and grace *gives* eternal life, undeservedly to rebels like you and me. Think of it! Rebels, who *once* held our fists high to the heavens in wrath, murmuring to God, saying *'Why hast thou made me thus?'* And saying *'no!'* to God [Ephesians 2:3-5, Romans 9:15-20, Psalm 14:1;53:1]. But now, thanks being to God, according to His own purpose and amazing grace, given to us in Christ Jesus before the world began, we confess all that we have earned is death—indeed, eternal death! But now, because of the *doing* and *dying* of God's Son, all my shame, all my transgressions, all my iniquities, all the sinful abomination that is Joseph D. Murphy has been put away, being nailed to His cross and I bear them no more. Reader, I don't want to be found in any thing I have written, any thing I have said, or any thing I have done or will do – not at all! Rather (and I pray this is true of you reader) *I want to be found in Him* [in Christ Jesus my Lord and God], *not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith* (Philippians 3:8-9). Beloved, because of the *blood* and *righteousness* of His Son, because of His one offering, He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified – the LORD says to you who believe *"Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee"* (Song 4:7) Amen! – **Pastor**

We Have An Advocate

"And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (**1 John 2:11**)

This scripture recognizes our frail, sinful human nature. A believer does not love sin, does not excuse or justify sin, but grieves over sin and desires to be without sin. Yet he owns and confesses his sin! As Spurgeon once said, "Sin is my name, sin is my nature, and to deny [that] is to deny the Word, deceive myself and call God a liar. My old nature is such that I will sin until I die, for sin pollutes the best things I do."

This scripture encourages the believer to trust and hope in the mercy of God AT ALL TIMES! It does not say, 'If any man is holy, prayerful, and almost faithful, he has an advocate;' but "IF ANY MAN SINS, he has an ADVOCATE with the Father." It does not say, 'If any man sins he forfeits his right to Christ's advocacy.' Grace that can be forfeited because of human failure is not GRACE at all. Mercy that is conditioned upon the merit of the creature is not mercy at all. If my title to glory rests upon my works, either BEFORE OR AFTER conversion, it is a total failure.

This scripture declares that at all times, under all conditions, Jesus Christ is our righteousness, our sanctification, our advocate and our redemption. So when I sin, when I consider my past or present, and come creeping to my closet with a guilty conscience and an aching heart, I can rejoice in the mercy of my Father; for I have an ADVOCATE, JESUS CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUS! – **Henry Mahan**

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"I do not understand how a man can be a true believer in whom sin is not the greatest burden, sorrow and trouble."– **John Owen**